THE HUMBLE DESIRES AND PROPOSALS

Of the private AGITATORS of Colonel *Hewſons* Regiment to the generall Agitators of the Army, to be preſented to his Excellency Sir *Thomas Fairfax*, and communicated to both Houſes of Parliament.

Wherein is contained theſe particulars, viz.

1. *Their deſires concerning the Army*
2. *Concerning Priſoners being brought to tryall.*
3. *Concerning juſtice to be forthwith executed.*
4. *Concerning divers corrupt Members in both Houſes of Parliament.*
5. *Concerning the Souldiers of this Kingdome, and their reſiſting of a forraigne Power.*

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Gentlemen,

WEE cannot but review thoſe divine manifeſtations to us, in a firſt and ſecond modell of this Army. Its not altogether unlike the building of the Temple, the ſtones were ready hewed, and fitted for their ſeverall ſtations, ſo that there was neither *Axe*, nor *Hammer* heard in the Temple; even ſo hath God erected and compacted us together in our various conditions to be a meane for the end, to adminiſter and eſtabliſh *Truth*, *Peace*, and *Righteouſneſſe*, in this our *Tabernacle*. We have not much heard the hammerings and noyſe of fleſh in our Councels, and reſolutions as to boaſt in the Arme of fleſh; but in a ſtill ſure confidence in God, and from the manifeſt preſence of God, have we obtained in all

our adventures. The ſweet union we had with God doth indeare us together in love, from the power of love. There was ſuch a reprocall contract, that there did not ſo much of man appeare, as to make diſtinctions of names or parties, though differing in Judgement; God having ſeemingly accompliſhed the ends of our deſires in conquerring the Kingdomes and our viſible enemies, we were taken up to contemplate in the hopes of enjoying the fruits of our labours in a happy Peace: Then unexpectedly there appeared a Ghoſtlike enemy of the ſame ſpirit as the former, onely in another vizage, then God awaked us dead and dry bones, and gendred us together, and gave in life, light, and ſtrength, to act without any known formes or Cuſtome, but in unknown and untroden paths, ſave this maxim, viz. *ſalus populi ſuprema lex*. But above all this ſatisfied, *viz* the invitation of God in us to this work. Then were we elected out to elect adjutations, in which we have ſeene God clothed in your fleſh, and prefigured in love, union, holines, meekes, and ſelfe annihilation the more you enjoy God, the more you thus live, and act like him; but on the contrary, if carnall ſelfe intereſt ſhall puff you up, and cauſe you to act beyond your ſpheire, and hereby beget diviſions, then know that God is riſen out of you, and will carry on the work in ſome other diſpenſation: beſides then you have forfeited the truſt repoſed, for the end of our electing of you was to unite ſcemen, and contract us together, and for an orderly preſentment of our grievances to the General, that

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confuſion may be avoided, we ſpeake not this from any feare or doubt you, but by motive in order to a reflection within you that ye may ſee God all in all, and the creature nothinged. We profeſſe we rejoyce and congratulate with you for that ſweet frame of ſpirit in love union and pulique intreſt that is amongſt you, and do in the name of the Souldiery of the Regiment give you manie thanks for your faithfull ſervices and unwearied paines forthe good of us, and the *Kingdom*, and as we have alwayes hitherto been ſatisfied with (and reſted in your juſt proceeds: ſo wee ſhall not degreſſ, but ſhall remaine in our formall way of preſenting our agrievances to you: and ſhall reſt in your known fidelity for the repreſenting of them to the Generall, and as all we have had large teſtimony of the uprightnes, and faithfulnes of our ever honoured Generall and his Counſel, ſo we humbly deſire you to preſerve in your duty as aforeſaid, and there to acquieſs. As alſo to reſolve by the aſſiſtance of God to ſtand firme to your firſt principles, and ſubmitting to and defending of the legall Authosity of Parliament, giving due obedience to the derivative power in the Generall, under whom we have had the preſence of divine protection. We do as Adjutators for the ſeverall and reſpective Companies in Col. *Hewſons* Regiment ſubſcribe our ſelves.

Yours and the Kingdomes
faithfull Servants.

The humble Deſires and Propoſalls of the Agitators of Colonell *Hewſons* Regiment, to be preſented to his Excellency Sir *Thomas Fairfax*.

1. *THat the Parliament would ſpeedily take care for pay for his Army.*

2. *That thoſe Priſoners who have been committed, may be brought to a ſpeedy and juſt Tryall, and being found to be unjuſtly impriſonned, maybe releaſed and receive ample reparations.*

3. *That*

3. *That justice may be forthwith executed upon all sorts and degrees of men, who were in the bloody designe to engage this Kingdome in a new Warre.*

4. *That all visible corrupt Members of both Houses in Parliament, may be forthwith expunged, without which we cannot have any happy assurance of safety.*

5. *That no persons may have places of trust in the Kingdome, but those of knowne fidelity that hereby we may be ready to resist any forraigne attempts.*

And it is further humbly desired, (by the aforesaid Agitators) that these *Propositions* may be forthwith presented to his Excellencie Sir *Thomas Fairfax*, and to be communicated to both Houses of *Parliament*; that so, both his Excellencie and the Parliament, may forthwith proceed to a full period and result of the foregoing particulars, that Justice may the better be executed, upon all sorts and degrees of men, who were active in the late bloody designe, to ingage this Kingdom in a desperate and new Warre, and that the Kingdome may be also put into such a posture, and under faithfull Commanders, both of integrity and trust, that so they may be readie to assist and oppose anie forraigne power, upon anie attempt whatsoever.

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